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Officer Johnny Wilson of Easterling Correctional Facility shows off a mess of catfish caught at the Cattle Ranch during ADOC's 2004 family picnic.



**MORE PICNIC STUFF**

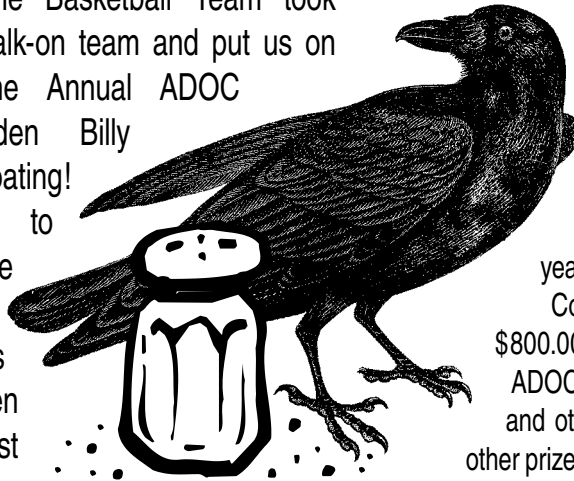
**2004 ANNUAL ADOC PICNIC**

# Eating Picnic Crow

**If there's anything that can be said about eating crow, it's that it tastes awful no matter how you spice it up. Unfortunately, I've gotta eat crow.**

The Limestone Basketball Team took custody of my walk-on team and put us on lock-down at the Annual ADOC Picnic! Warden Billy Mitchem is still gloating! Congratulations to the Limestone Basketball Team. In the 20 years that you've been competing against my teams, you've now beaten me once. Impressive!

The Fountain Softball Team was awesome as usual. They crushed a very competitive walk-on



softball team that consisted of employees from Camden C.B.F., Ventress C.F., Elba C.B.F., Limestone C.F., as well as family and friends of ADOC employees. Judging by the way the Fountain Softball Team plays, Warden Jerry Ferrell must have a spring training camp down around Atmore somewhere. Next year we're gonna test for steroids!

Congratulations to all prize winners. Over \$800.00 in cash prizes were given away at the Annual ADOC Picnic this year, not to mention the TV, DVD, and other prizes given away at the Bingo Games or other prizes awarded at the picnic games such as the Dart

Throw, Putting Green, Tire Toss, Sandbox, Volleyball, and Three-legged Race. Although plenty of fish were caught, no one hooked the fish with the \$75.00, \$50.00, or \$25.00 tags. Nobody was hungry at the Annual ADOC Picnic, even those who didn't catch any fish, because ticket holders were treated to a delicious meal that consisted of 1 hot dog, 1 hamburger (with all the trimmings), cookies, soft drink, chips, and pickles. Mrs. Holly knows how to prepare and pack a lunch! This was Mrs. Holly's last year as an ADOC Picnic Committee Co-Chairperson. We will all miss her. She will be retiring soon.

Many thanks to Deputy Commissioner Jones, Deputy Commissioner Lovelace, and Deputy Commissioner John Jacobs for braving the deep, chilly waters of the Dunkin' Booth. This year they provided a lot of fun and laughs for young and old alike. My apologies for leading everyone to believe that Commissioner Campbell had volunteered to man the Dunkin' Booth. Shortly after his arrival at the picnic, he let me know in very clear language that he had not volunteered to be dunked. I have since apologized to the Commissioner and have consulted with my confidential sources who provided me with the bogus information.

The Karaoke was a big hit this year. Word is, Lt. Patti LaHue proved that she could very well be the next American Idol!

We had a great time at the picnic. Thanks to all the Picnic Committee Members who helped to make it a success. We hope to see you there next year.■

**Kenneth L. Jones, Warden II**

## 2004 PICNIC PRIZE WINNERS

The following people were prize winners at the 2004 ADOC Picnic:

- Donna Elder—\$25 Door Prize
- Brandon Holman—\$25 Door Prize
- Sharon Flowers—\$25 Door Prize
- Debra Armstrong—\$25 Door Prize
- Mary Exford—\$25 Door Prize
- Gestavius Barnes—Finder of the hidden \$100 bill
- Annette Campbell—\$300 Wal-Mart gift card
- Patricia Hood—\$300 Wal-Mart gift card
- Rebecca Harper—1st Place in Poster Contest (\$25)
- Casie Maloy—2nd Place in Poster Contest (\$15)
- Alexis Harris—3rd Place in Poster Contest (\$10)
- Brian Still—1st Place in 3 Point contest (Ribbon and shirt)
- Darius Degraffinried—1st Place in Youth 3 Point Contest (Ribbon and shirt)
- Winner of the Basketball Tournament—Limestone C. F. (Ribbons and shirts)
- Winner of the Softball Tournament—Fountain C. F. (Ribbons and shirts)

*Congratulations to all of these winners!*



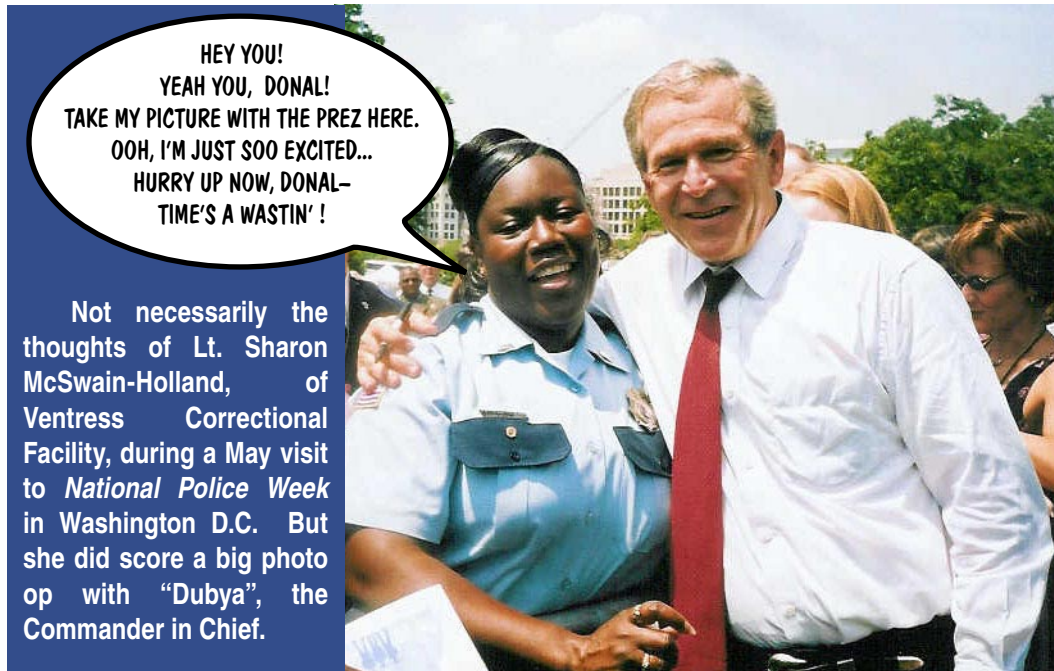


2004 ANNUAL ADOCS PICNIC





# THE ADOC Presidential Connection



# THE ADOC Gubernatorial Marksmen



Governor Bob Riley presented Lt. Daniel Avant (left), Draper Farm Office Supervisor and COI John McGinty (right), Staton Corr. Facility, with The Governor's 20 Shooting Award. The proclamation ceremony took place Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Old Archives room of the state Capitol. Congratulations to both officers for a job well done!

## The Sentencing Project

A new report by The Sentencing Project, *The Meaning of "Life": Long Prison Sentences in Context*, finds that 127,000 persons -- one of every eleven persons in prison -- is now serving a life sentence, at a potential cost of \$1 million for each sentence. Of these 127,000, over a quarter - 33,000 - have no option for parole and will spend the rest of their lives in prison. The total number of lifers represents a growth rate of 83% since 1992, along with a rising number of sentences to life without parole and increased time served in prison. The report finds that the growth of the lifer population is due to changes in sentencing policy and not crime rates, and that the lifer population includes substantial numbers of mentally ill persons, juveniles, abused women, and sentences resulting from inadequate defense. This full 35-page report may be accessed at: [www.sentencingproject.org](http://www.sentencingproject.org)

Major findings of the report include:

- One of every 11 (9.4%) offenders in state/federal prison – 127,677 persons – is now serving a life sentence.
- Of the lifers in prison, one in four (26.3%) is serving a sentence of life without parole, having increased from one in six (17.8%) in 1992.
- The number of lifers in prison rose by 83% from 69,845 in 1992 to 127,677 in 2003.
- Time to be served for lifers admitted to prison increased by 37% from 1991 to 1997, rising from 21.2 years to 29 years.
- In six states -- Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota -- all life sentences are imposed without the possibility of parole.
- Seven states -- Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania -- have more than 1,000 prisoners each serving sentences of life without parole.
- The increase in prison time for lifers is a result of changes in state policy and not continuous increases in violent crime.
- Four of every five (79.4%) lifers released in 1994 had no arrests for a new crime in the three years after their release. This compares to an arrest-free rate of just one-third (32.5%) for all offenders released from prison.
- Imposing a life sentence carries with it a potential cost to taxpayers of \$1 million.■

## Punishment Needs To Fit The Crime

TUSCALOOSA NEWS.. LTTR TO THE EDITOR/  
MICHAEL J. UPTON/ 3-14-04

Dear Editor: I represent a man that, because of our state's draconian laws, regarding possession of marijuana, will be sentenced to a minimum of 10 years in prison for possession of seven grams of marijuana. As you correctly point out in your editorial of March 9, if you have previously been convicted of misdemeanor marijuana possession, the next time you are arrested for it, it is automatically a felony. Further, if you have prior felony convictions, you are also subjected to our Habitual Offender statute that increases punishment dramatically.

Oddly enough, if you have a prior conviction for selling marijuana, and you are arrested for misdemeanor possession, it does not automatically become a felony. Our Legislature seems to have it backwards, but surely that isn't a first.

Judge Rains is to be commended for his push to put some common sense into sentencing, but until our Legislature grows some backbone and does the right thing, the hypocrisy will continue. I find it odd that the prosecutors in this state always grandstand about the dangers of drinking and driving, yet drivers get three convictions that are treated as misdemeanors before being charged with felony D.U.I. With marijuana possession, the second is a felony. Funny, but I've never heard of M.A.P.S. (Mothers Against Pot Smokers).

No one is asking that marijuana possession be legalized, just that the punishment fit the crime. Let's let prison be a place for those that are a true danger to society, not those that simply offend our morals.■

## Paying Overtime State Prisons Racking Up Costs For Low Staffing

BIRMINGHAM NEWS/04/12/04—

Exorbitant overtime pay among Alabama's prison guards is just another example of how costly our state's penny-wise policies are. Sure, it's cheaper in the short run to operate prisons without enough guards. But short staffing exacts its own toll - as shown Thursday in a story about prison overtime.

The Department of Corrections paid a stunning \$12 million in overtime in 2003. Prison overtime has leapt 645 percent since 1997 and now accounts for almost half of the state's overall tab for overtime.

Prison Commissioner Donal Campbell points out that the excessive overtime pay can be traced in part to the 170 guards who have been activated by the National Guard for the war in Iraq. Clearly, their absence results in a larger workload for the officers left behind.

But the truth is, the state didn't have enough prison guards to start with. Our inmate-to-officer ratio is about a dozen to one, twice that of Southern states such as South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Night shifts can be especially bad in Alabama, with guards outnumbered 70-to-1.

The problem has two prongs. One is our burgeoning prison population. Thanks to shortsighted attempts to get "tough" on crime - including nonviolent crime that could be handled efficiently without prison - Alabama prisons house 26,000 inmates, about twice as many as they were designed to hold. The second prong is a failure to fund, hire and train new guards to keep up with the demand for their services.

The result is downright dangerous. Overcrowded prisons guarded by officers who can work

three 16-hour shifts in a row are a recipe for trouble. Officers putting in hours like that are more apt to be tense, short-tempered and careless. From that standpoint, it's not just a management issue, but a matter of public safety and legal liability.

But it is a management issue, too. With all those extra shifts, some officers earn more in overtime than they make in salary. In the most extreme example, a guard making close to \$36,000 a year collected an extra \$53,000 in overtime.

It's not like most guards are reveling in the extra cash. Prison officials say some guards burn out and leave for other jobs because of the amount of overtime they are working.

Wouldn't it make more sense to just hire more guards?■

## Inside View: Steps To Ease Prison Overcrowding Change Little

By KYLE WINGFIELD/ 3/14/2004, 3:13 p.m. CT/ ELMORE, Ala. (AP) -- Last summer, Lyn-dahl Sale was one 1,423 male inmates shipped from overcrowded Alabama prisons to a private lockup in Mississippi.

While the inmates were gone, Alabama officials worked to fix the overcrowding problem. They increased paroles for nonviolent offenders. They moved low-security prisoners to work-release centers and transferred work-release prisoners to community corrections centers. They found alternative sentences for 1,700 inmates otherwise headed for prison.

The result?

"It hasn't changed at all," said Sale, one of four inmates at Elmore state prison who spoke to The Associated Press in a recent interview.

"Just like (before), I can lay in my bed, and without getting up, without stretching very far, I can reach over and touch the man in the bed next to me," said the 38-year-old Sale, who's served almost 15 years of a life sentence for murder. "If you stand up to open your locker box that's under your bed, you have to be careful, or you're practically sitting on a man if he happens to be in the bed next to you."

Alabama's prison system didn't become crowded overnight, and Prison Commissioner Donal Campbell knows better than to expect the problems to disappear so quickly.

"There's not a whole lot I can do to reduce the population," Campbell told the AP earlier this month. "We may find other beds. Hopefully, at some point, I'll be able to work with the counties and have funding appropriated to rent beds from the counties. But that's not going to be significant."

The only significant solution would be a financial wind-fall — a pipe dream in a state struggling with revenue short-falls in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

With that in mind, Campbell, the inmates and the head of a prison advocacy group offered less costly suggestions. Among them:

### PAROLE VIOLATIONS

—Change the punishment for technical parole violators. Increased paroles are under way, and with them a likely spike in parole violators. Dealing with re-offenders is one downside of stepping up paroles, but officials could ease the problem by coming up with a new way to deal with parolees who violate a condition of parole but do not commit a new crime.

Such violations include breaking curfew or crossing state lines without permission.

"I'd like to see those men reinstated, because there's some men who came back ... with new cases ... that got like two years from the judge, and they serve two years and get to go home, when there's some men who got technical violations got set off for five years, three years, two years," said inmate Robert Ray, who's 20 years into a 33-year sentence for robbery and murder.

Campbell said the state needs a program for technical parole violators "where we would develop criteria for a certain violator, they would be required to go through a program, whether it be six months or seven months or four months or what have you, and then they would be re-paroled by the board ... rather than bringing them back into the system, taking up an expensive bed that we so desperately need for violent offenders."

The parole board is open to some changes, provided they don't threaten public safety, said Cynthia Dillard, assistant director of Pardons and Paroles. Technical violations often are precursors to repeat offenses, she said.

"If we can work with an offender and keep them out, we'll try to do that," Dillard said. "But if they just refuse to follow the rules, we have no option."

### CLOSER LOOKS

—Let the parole board get to know inmates better. When 46-year-old Sylvester Turner is up for parole in July, the only people who will meet with the parole board are his family and friends — and anyone who wants to protest his being released.

Anyone missing from the list? Turner thinks so.

"I think that one of the things that the parole board probably needs to (do) ... is come to the institution and set up a conference with the inmate that's coming up for parole," said Turner, midway through a 20-year sentence for manslaughter and attempted murder.

"But also have the officer there he works up under, that sees him every day, for really what he does every day, and get a report from him."

Simply arranging for prisoners and parole members to be in the same room is the biggest obstacle to accomplishing those changes, Dillard said. The board has heard 7,564 cases since April 6, 2003, when Gov. Bob Riley gave the board the funding to quicken its pace.

"It would be preferable, but there are so many institutions in Alabama, and we hold so many hearings, it would just be a logistical nightmare," she said. "The Department of Corrections doesn't have enough staff to staff the prisons, much less transport prisoners to their hearings."

As for bringing parole board members to the prisons, Dillard said, "We hold so many hearings, there's no way the board could visit all the institutions and hold the hearings they do."

But 40-year-old Gary Collins, a parole violator who's halfway through an 18-year sentence for kidnapping and attempted murder, said he alone could convince the board he's changed.

"Who's better to speak for me than me?" Collins said.

### COMMUNITY TIME

—Expand Community Corrections. Campbell already has moved about 2,000 inmates to community-based programs where they work jobs and in many cases even live at home. But many of those inmates had not been incarcerated yet, meaning the programs kept the prisons from becoming more overcrowded but didn't necessarily improve current conditions.

Shifting more inmates from state prisons to community corrections could save the state space and money in some less obvious ways, said Lucia Penland, director of the Alabama Prison Project.

"One of the things that happens, is not only does it cost a lot to incarcerate someone, but because it's mostly the poor who go to prison, the families often end up on welfare and being part of the tax burden as well," Penland said. "There's more to it than just the incarceration."

Without some creative thinking or sudden reversal of the state's fortunes — literally — the outlook for Sale to be more than arm's length from his bunkmates isn't good.

"I haven't seen them take a bed out of the penitentiary since I've been incarcerated," he said. "I've seen them add plenty. I've never seen them take any out." ■

*"I haven't seen them take a bed out of the penitentiary since I've been incarcerated..."*

—Inmate Sale



## Inmates Have Suggestions For Reducing State Prison Overcrowding

BY KYLE WINGFIELD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ 3/14/2004/ ELMORE, ALA. (AP)—

If state officials are looking for advice on how to reduce overcrowding in Alabama's prisons, Lyndahl Sale would happily oblige.

Sale is a few months away from completing 15 years in the Alabama prison system, ample time to ponder how overcrowding affects him and his fellow inmates.

"I haven't seen them take a bed out of the penitentiary since I've been incarcerated," said Sale, one of four inmates at Elmore state prison who spoke to The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I've seen them add plenty. I've never seen them take any out."

That Alabama prisons are overcrowded comes as no surprise. More than 20 years ago a federal judge ordered a mass release of inmates because of jam-packed cellblocks, and the inmate population — now more than 28,000 — has continued to grow far faster than the number of beds. Prisons built to hold 500 or 600 inmates routinely pack in more than a thousand.

Gov. Bob Riley and Corrections Commissioner Donal Campbell, on the job for just over a year now, have tried to ease the problem by shipping prisoners out of state temporarily and doubling the members of a parole board that has fallen months behind.

*"...who's better to speak for me than me?"*

—Inmate Gary Collins, referring to representing himself in front of the Parole Board.

On those measures, the inmates have some ideas of their own — particularly when it comes to paroles. Robert Ray would like to change the current system that allows some cases to be delayed while others are moved up.

"I wish they'd just start over — honestly — and just say, 'OK, today we're going to have a hearing for this person, this person, this person,'" said Ray, who's served 20 years in 12 different prisons. "I don't understand the backlogging."

Gary Collins has been back in Elmore for about 20 months after violating parole. He said he's learned more about himself and staying clean during his second stint, and could prove it to the parole board if he could speak to them on his own behalf.

"Because who's better to speak for me than me?" Collins said. "My family loves me, but you can see and tell in a man's eyes: Has he changed? To me that's the only way to do it."

But Campbell said increased paroles aren't the only answer.

"Inmates are being paroled, somewhat sooner now than maybe before, but the intake is continuing, and we anticipate the violation of parole rate to increase," he said during an interview this month.

As for their stint in a private prison in Tutwiler, Miss., the men gave high marks to the cleanliness and "chow benefits," but said it was harder for most of their families to visit them.

"We deserve to be locked up. We committed our crimes," Sale said. "Our families don't need to be punished because of what we did. The extra expense for them to travel over there at a time, having to take time off work, staying at hotels. That's a hardship that they don't need."

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## Action Needed Legislature Can Slow Flow Into State's Overcrowded Prisons

BIRMINGHAM NEWS EDITORIAL/ 03/09/04—

If Alabama is ever to get a grip on the state's grave prison overcrowding problem, state officials must move from talking about remedies to actually taking action. We know what needs to be done; what's missing is the will and the means to do it.

Alabamians for years have heard the bad news about their prisons:

In just two decades, the prison population has jumped from 5,500 inmates to more than 28,000, squeezed into prisons built to hold only half that number.

The state has only about half the number of correctional officers needed to guard those prisoners.

Money has been far too scarce for alternatives to incarceration, such as drug treatment and community corrections, while tough-on-crime laws are sending more and more people to prison, including nonviolent drug offenders.

Dangerously crowded conditions in prisons have earned the ire of both state and federal courts, which have ordered the state to fix them.

For sure, there isn't an easy fix for our troubled prisons. While the state has made better efforts in recent years to address the crowding problem, those efforts have been more of the Band-Aid type than a long-term cure.

To solve overcrowding, the state must build more prison space (it's mega expensive, but if the state is going to put so many people in prison, it must have space for them), vastly increase treatment and community corrections programs, hire more correctional officers (and pay them more to retain them), and change the way convicts are sentenced.

Most of these fixes require money, and lots of it. But state government is in a financial crisis, which means it's even more important for the state to do the things that don't require additional money.

That starts with changing sentencing laws - diverting nonviolent offenders into alternative punishment programs to free prison space for dangerous criminals. Even that won't be easy, though.

In an interview with The Associated Press last week, prison Commissioner Donal Campbell put sentencing reform at the top of the list. "As long as we have the laws that we have today, it's not going to change," Campbell said of the state's growing prison population.

He's right. While the effort under Gov. Bob Riley to speed up parole of nonviolent offenders helps slow the growth of the prison population, it alone is a Band-Aid. The best way to relieve crowding is to stem the flow of new inmates.

Alabama has the fifth-highest incarceration rate in the nation, meaning our courts are sending too many people to prison. Smarter sentencing laws can have a big difference.

Change, however, comes hard to Alabama. The Alabama Sentencing Commission already has spent four years studying sentencing laws and putting together recommendations for reform. To put those reforms into play, the Legislature must act. Five bills from the Sentencing Commission are before the Legislature this session.

The Legislature isn't likely to find the money anytime soon to build more prisons. The least lawmakers can do is to give the sentencing bills a fair hearing.

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## Supreme Court Hears Execution Arguments Alabama Case Spurs Debate About Methods Used By States

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Supreme Court used the case of Alabama death row inmate David Larry Nelson for a stark discussion Monday about execution methods, and whether federal judges can consider last-minute challenges to punishment.

Nelson had asked to be sent to Alabama's electric chair. But when his date with the executioner came, the chair was no longer in use. His medical condition would make the new punishment of lethal injection unconstitutionally cruel unless special precautions were taken, lawyer Bryan Stevenson of Montgomery, Alabama, told justices.

Because of the condition of his veins -- damaged by drug use -- it may be impossible to insert an intravenous line without a type of surgery, Stevenson said.

Justices peppered Stevenson and Alabama's lawyer with questions about how his death sentence would be carried out, with the possibility of prison staff cutting into his neck or thigh to get to a good vein.

The court is deciding a technical question of whether last-minute appeals from death row inmates should be allowed in federal courts. Alabama Solicitor General Kevin Newsom said that Congress intended to limit federal appeals.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy pressed Newsom for promises that Nelson would have a hearing in state court, and that prison staff would consider the best medical procedures for the inmate. Newsom assured them Nelson would have a full hearing in state courts.

But Justice John Paul Stevens said that if Alabama wins, an inmate would have a limited right to appeal if he were told shortly before his execution "they're going to hang him up by his thumbs and beat him with whips until he dies."

Nelson's case prompted legal challenges to the types of drug cocktails used in lethal injections in other states, and justices have clashed 5-4 in a string of emergency appeals from inmates seeking temporary reprieves, on grounds that their own lethal injections would be unconstitutional.

Most recently, the court's five most conservative members voided a stay that a South Carolina death row inmate had received earlier this month.

Alabama claims Nelson's case is a prime example of a sluggish justice system and the need for limits on appeals. He has been on death row more than 20 years.

In 1994, he asked a jury to re-sentence him to death for shooting a man in the back of the head as the man had sex with Nelson's girlfriend on Jan. 1, 1978. The woman also was shot but survived to testify that Nelson set up the sexual liaison in a robbery plot.

Nelson also was convicted of shooting a cab driver and beating to death an elderly man, the court was told.

He first asked that his execution be televised, and sped up. He later changed his mind and sought delays.

Last fall, Nelson was less than three hours from execution by lethal injection when the Supreme Court stepped in to stop it. He had sought a stay after learning that executioners might have to cut deep into his flesh to administer the drugs.

The Constitution's Eighth Amendment "prohibits the unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain. It permits sentences of death to be carried out, but not in a manner that is more torturous than necessary to extinguish life," one of Nelson's lawyers, Michael Kennedy McIntyre, told justices in a filing.

Attorneys for Alabama said in court documents that at least 14 states besides Alabama allow so-called "cut-down" procedures to access veins: Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The case is Nelson v. Campbell, case no. 03-6821. ■

## Illicit Contact

It's A Crime That Sex With Inmates Isn't A Crime

TUSCALOOSA NEWS/ 04/13/04—

In Louisiana, it is against the law for prison guards to have sexual relations with inmates, whether forced or consensual. That's important to Alabamians, because guards at a private prison in Louisiana are expected to face criminal charges for alleged improper sexual contact with women inmates from Alabama.

About 200 women prisoners from Alabama are being housed at the South Louisiana Correctional Center in Basile, La. The Alabama Department of Corrections is paying the private lockup to hold the Alabama prisoners to meet a court-ordered requirement to reduce crowding at Tutwiler Prison for Women.

A Department of Corrections investigation of alleged sexual misconduct at the Louisiana prison led to the firing of one guard. But corrections officials say allegations involve more than one female inmate and more than one guard.

Both the Alabama Department of Corrections and Louisiana authorities should be commended for investigating claims of sexual misconduct involving the Alabama inmates. Such abuses must be taken seriously, especially when they involve people in the state's custody. It makes no difference whether the inmates are in Alabama or in an out-of-state, private prison.

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occurred in Alabama  
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criminal charges*

Yet, it's troubling that if such sexual misconduct occurred in Alabama prisons, prosecutors wouldn't be able to bring criminal charges against those involved. Alabama needs a law similar to Louisiana's that makes it a crime for prison employees to have sexual relations with inmates.

While prison officials can discipline employees who engage in sex with inmates - including firing them - making it a criminal offense is a far greater deterrent to such illicit conduct.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Barbara Boyd of Anniston would make it a Class C felony for any employee to engage in sexual conduct - even consensual - with any person in the custody of the Department of Corrections, the Department of Youth Services or sheriff's and police departments. Also covered are probation or parole officers.

It's unfortunate that alleged misconduct involving women inmates in Louisiana was needed to bring attention to this omission in Alabama law. But since it has, it would be criminal for the Legislature to do nothing. ■



## Boyd Finally Sees Pet Bill Pass Legislature

BY BOB JOHNSON / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ 4/16/2004, /MONTGOMERY, ALA. (AP) --

Rep. Barbara Boyd was driving home from Montgomery to Anniston Thursday afternoon when she got a call on her cell phone telling her that a bill she had been pushing for three years had passed the Senate and gone to the governor for his signature.

"I said praise the Lord and hallelujah," said Boyd, D-Anniston, of the final passage of her bill to make it a felony for a corrections officer or prison employee to have sexual relations with an inmate.

The Senate gave final passage to the bill Thursday on a 25-0 vote.

The 67-year-old Boyd is the widow of one of the first black police officers in Anniston, Frank Boyd Sr., and a retired school teacher. She said she became interested in passing the bill partly because of her late husband's law enforcement background and because of discussions she has had with family members of inmates.

She said she decided to introduce the bill after a 2001 incident when some parents complained their daughters were sexually abused at the Alabama Department of Youth Services' Chalkville campus. Several employees were fired and others quit during an investigation that originally involved 15 workers.

"When that happened at Chalkville, I thought it was time for someone to act. I could not understand why no one else had attempted to put a law on the books to protect people in custody," Boyd said.

The Alabama Department of Corrections supported Boyd's bill, spokesman Brian Corbett said.

*"I could not understand why no one else had attempted to put a law on the books to protect people in custody,"*

If Riley signs the bill as expected, Corbett said the new law will make it easier for corrections officials to take action in cases where an inmate has had sexual relations with a prisoner.

"Currently if there are allegations of misconduct, all we can do is internal discipline. We can't prosecute," Corbett said.

Alabama had been one of only a handful of states without a similar law, said Suha Dabbouseh, southeast field organizer for Amnesty International.

Dabbouseh said her organization supported Boyd's bill because inmates are vulnerable to abuse by their guards.

"There is no way for them to seek justice," she said.

Boyd said she hopes her bill, when it becomes law, will make inmates more willing to speak up concerning incidents of sexual abuse.

She called passage of the bill the highlight of her three terms in the Legislature.

"I would say this is the biggest thing I have accomplished since I've been in the Legislature," she said. "This one I think will help people." ■

## HB 4

HB 4/ 63902-5/ BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD/ RFD: JUDICIARY/ FIRST READ: 03-FEB-04/ PFD: 11/05/2003 ENROLLED, An Act,

To establish the crime of custodial sexual misconduct; to provide for penalties; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. When used in this act, the following words shall have the following meanings:

(1) CUSTODY. Any of the following:

- a. Pretrial incarceration or detention.
- b. Incarceration or detention under a sentence or commitment to a state or local penal institution, any detention facility for children or youthful offenders.
- c. Parole or mandatory supervised release.
- d. Electronic home detention.
- e. Parole or probation.

(2) EMPLOYEE. An employee or contractual employee of any governmental agency of the state, county, or municipality that has by statute, ordinance, or court order the responsibility for the care, control, or supervision of pretrial or sentenced persons in a penal system or detention facility.

(3) SEXUAL CONDUCT. Any of the following acts:

- a. Sexual Intercourse. This term shall have its ordinary meaning and occurs upon a penetration, however slight; emission is not required.
- b. Sexual Contact. Any known touching for the purpose of sexual arousal, gratification, or abuse of the following:
  1. The sexual or other intimate parts of the victim by the actor.
  2. The sexual or other intimate parts of the actor by the victim.
  3. The clothing covering the immediate area of the sexual or other intimate parts of the victim or actor.
- b. Sexual Intrusion. Any intrusion, however slight, by any object or any part of the body of a person into the genital or anal, anal, or oral opening of the body of another person if that sexual intrusion can reasonably be construed as being for the purposes of sexual arousal, gratification, or abuse.

Section 2. (a) It shall be unlawful for any employee to engage in sexual conduct with a person who is in the custody of the Department of Corrections, the Department of Youth Services, a sheriff, a county, or a municipality.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any probation or parole officer to engage in sexual conduct with a person who is under the supervisory, disciplinary, or custodial authority of the officer engaging in the sexual conduct with the person.

(c) Any person violating subsection (a) or (b) shall, upon conviction, be guilty of custodial sexual misconduct.

(d) Custodial sexual misconduct is a Class C felony.

(e) For purposes of this act, the consent of the person in custody of the Department of Corrections, the Department of Youth Services, a sheriff, a county, or a municipality or a person who is on probation or on parole shall not be a defense to a prosecution under this act.

Section 3. This act shall not be construed to repeal other criminal laws. Whenever conduct proscribed by any provision of this article is also proscribed by any other provision of law, the provision which carries the more serious penalty shall be applied.

Section 4. Although this bill would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements and application under Amendment 621 because the bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an existing crime.

Section 5. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES/ PRESIDENT AND PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE SENATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE WITHIN ACT ORIGINATED IN AND WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE 04-MAR-04, AS AMENDED.  
GREG PAPPAS, CLERK/ SENATE 15-APR-04 PASSED ■

## Funding Community Corrections Expansion Can Prove A Costly Venture

PUBLISHED MARCH 21, 2004 6:01AM GADSDEN TIMES/ BY ANDY POWELL/ TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Etowah County Commission decided in August to give more space to the county's community corrections program, but there is a problem now in coming up with the money to renovate the space so it can be used.

The commission had approved space on the ground floor of the county judicial center to be used by the program, which hopes to expand. The court system assigns non-violent offenders to time in the program as an alternative to prison.

Dominique Langdon, director, said about 200 people are in the program - up from the 125 who were in it in August when the commission was asked for the space.

She said about half of those are "prison diversion" - people who otherwise would have been sentenced to prison - and there are also people in the program who are on bond from the county jail.

Langdon said the staff members "intensely supervise" people in the program. She said they will see some in the program once or twice a week to check their progress and "try to get them back on the track" rather than going to prison.

*"In the long run it's pay me now  
or pay me later."*

—Etowah Co. Circuit Judge Allen Millican

As conditions for being in the program, Langdon said, the participants must get a job and can be referred for a drug treatment program or GED preparation. She said they also undergo drug testing.

"Basically, we sit down with the person to determine what they need and then see them weekly," Langdon said.

She said some people in the program are also under house arrest and wear a monitor so authorities can keep up with where they are.

She said the program has a good success rate but some people do end up going back to prison.

Langdon said the program has about \$10,000 it can spend on the renovations. She said she was surprised at the projected cost of \$46,551 for the renovation, which will create four offices, a hallway and two bathrooms in space that had been used for court records.

"We'll use every inch," she said.

The records that had been in the space were moved to the building's attic after architects determined the records could be moved there safely. The renovation work can be done by a combination of county workers, jail inmates and contractors.

The space is adjacent to the program's existing office and will be connected by a doorway.

Langdon said the original estimate had been for just less than \$20,000 but an additional bathroom and walls were added, which increased the cost.

Langdon said if the commission would pay for the work, the program would reimburse the county, but she didn't know how long it would take.

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## Protests Spur Prison Drug Test Review

CARLA CROWDER/ BIRMINGHAM NEWS/ 04/04/04—

Corrections Commissioner Donal Campbell is evaluating the accuracy of prison drug testing, prompted in part by a flood of prisoner complaints about flawed results.

"There's definitely a need to determine whether or not this system is effective because of the number of complaints I'm getting," Campbell said.

UAB forensic science professor Fred Smith, who specializes in drug testing, said he has found one potential problem in the system - the screens used to test prisoners produce a small percentage of false positives. Errors occur because the second tests don't use a different method for confirmation, he said.

"That's why the government requires labs testing employees to jump through another hoop before they accuse people of using drugs," Smith said.

Alabama prisons impose a more rigid drug testing policy on prisoners than is allowed by the federal government on employees. Prison policies also are stricter than those followed by the Alabama Department of Pardons and Paroles in testing parolees.

Cold medicines, prescription drugs and other substances can cause false positives in urine tests. While other agencies allow for possibility of errors, and re-test using a different method, DOC does not. Also, some labs and employers require a medical review of test results. DOC does not.

*"To me, it's unconscionable not to stop  
the program, identify the problem and  
figure out a way to fix it."*

—Tamara Serwer Caldas, Attorney-Southern Center for Human Rights

Some of the protests are coming from the Birmingham Work Release Center, where lawyers representing Alabama's female inmates have raised concerns about the accuracy and reliability of DOC drug tests.

### Damaging Results:

A positive result can hurt an inmate's shot at parole, force an inmate to lose a work-release job, cost him or her good time and possibly result in return to a more secure prison. The prison system also makes prisoners pay fees after a positive test.

"To me, it's unconscionable not to stop the program, identify the problem and figure out a way to fix it," said Tamara Serwer Caldas, an attorney with the Southern Center for Human Rights, which represents female prisoners in a class action lawsuit against the state. Since the Atlanta-based center has been looking into the drug-testing issue, she has heard from former inmates who raised these issues years ago, but were ignored.

Besides costing the state, the errors are demoralizing to prisoners, many of whom have completed drug rehabilitation and are trying to follow the rules, Serwer Caldas said.

"Prisoners have no recourse to refute these potentially erroneous results," said UAB's Smith. "When a person is wrongly accused of drug use, it destroys their confidence in the system."

### Scientific Study:

Smith reviewed a description of DOC's procedures as described by Officer Willie Lee, who tests inmates at several prisons including Donaldson and

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## Alabama Prison Last That Still Completely Segregates HIV Inmates

BY SAMIRA JAFARI/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ 3/13/2004/ WETUMPKA, ALA. (AP)

Bonita Graham has big plans for when she's released from prison.

"I'm going to try and get me a job," said the 26-year-old mother of two. "I'd like to try and get my children back. Have a stable home. A drug-free life."

Yet she knows that being HIV-positive keeps her from learning job skills at Julia Tutwiler Prison in Wetumpka. She knows that the virus alone isolates her from studying, eating, worshipping and exercising alongside inmates who don't have HIV or AIDS.

Tutwiler is the nation's last prison that completely segregates HIV-inmates from other prisoners.

Graham and the 12 other infected female prisoners are confined to Dorm 8, barred from taking the vocational classes available to the state's thousands of other prisoners.

Like most of her cellmates, Graham said living in Dorm 8 could be a rehabilitative experience if they could join the other prisoners to take the classes. But Graham and others also find an upside to Dorm 8.

"For me, I wouldn't like to live in population," said Graham, who's serving 18 months for robbery. "I would like to go out in classes or trade school and whatever classes they have available that population gets and be living in our dorm."

That's because Dorm 8 is the most spacious room in a prison system that has struggled with overcrowding for more than a decade. The 13 women who serve time in the dorm enjoy television, a DVD player, telephones, microwave, a bookshelf stocked with encyclopedias and, most recently, a computer.

**Mississippi and South Carolina are the only two other states that keep HIV inmates in their own sleeping quarters, but like Limestone, they do integrate the prisoners into educational and vocational programs.**

The living conditions are a far cry from the deteriorating shanty on the prison grounds that used to house them.

But modern-day conveniences and space aren't enough to erase feelings of isolation for some, such as Takiya Radford, a 22-year-old repeat offender who is serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

"I feel that we were a part of the population when we was free and now all of a sudden it's like isolation," she said. "It's not just about segregation. It's about us not feeling human just because we have a blood disease."

The women of Dorm 8 have taken a laundry list of classes within their confines that include high school equivalency, self-esteem, parenting and anger management. But they know that women in the general prison population enroll in job training classes at a nearby vocational school, and they want to know why they can't take cosmetology, welding, mechanics or any of the other classes offered by the school.


In northern Alabama, the men's prison at Capshaw integrated its HIV-positive inmates into the regular educational and vocational programs in January, leaving Tutwiler the only prison that totally isolates its HIV population.

Department of Corrections Commissioner Donal Campbell told The Associated Press in an interview this month that he supports integrating the women into the programs, though it is not a major priority.

"There's so many major issues we're dealing from this department," he said, "that I've not put the necessary wheels in motion in Tutwiler."

When asked why the men's HIV unit, which holds about 200 inmates, was integrated into programs first, he said Limestone's structure made it easier to move the inmates to a class without a threat.

"It was just a matter of one done before the other," he said. "The physical

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## Prison Still Experiencing Health Problems Limestone Report Cites Some Positives, But New Woes Arise Over Care

03/13/04 / BY KAY CAMPBELL / TIMES STAFF WRITER KAYC@HTIMES.COM / CAPSHAW -

Despite some changes during the last year in how inmates held in the Limestone Correctional Facility are housed and treated for illnesses, some inmates have still died preventable, premature deaths, according to an infectious diseases expert.

"While some of the changes that have been described are somewhat positive, the improvements have been far outweighed by the problems that continue to plague Limestone Correctional Facility," Dr. Stephen Tabet wrote in the report, released Thursday. "Additionally, new problems have arisen."

Tabet is a Seattle-based specialist who has been hired by the inmates and the Southern Center for Human Rights, who are suing the state over medical treatment. His report follows his Feb. 23 visit to the prison. The visit was his second to the prison. His first was in February 2003.

During both visits, he said, he has found care practices that not only fail to meet the standards set by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, but that actually contribute to deaths among the inmates.

"More strongly than ever, I feel that the Limestone Correctional Facility is in dire need of outside intervention and oversight," Tabet wrote in the report's summary. "The following recommendations must be addressed, or patients will con-

**...found care practices that not only fail to meet the standards set by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, but that actually contribute to deaths among the inmates.**

tinue to needlessly suffer and die at the Limestone Correctional Facility."

In the last five months, five inmates have died. Tabet's report states that the medical care several of those men received was inadequate and too late to prevent death. He also viewed the pill line, which can be held at 1 a.m., when, he said, many inmates would get to the window only to find out that their medication was not available. Some would vomit after taking their medicine, since it was supposed to be administered with food.

Tabet's recommendations include instituting an organized way to review patient deaths; clarifying the role of the prison's physician in terms of medical director duties and also getting an outside monitor to review that physician's decisions; increasing the medical staff to comply with National Commission on Correctional Health Care guidelines; testing inmates for hepatitis C; ending the practice of using inmates to provide health care for other inmates; developing infection control practices; ensuring medication supplies and administration; and seeing that the inmates' diets satisfy minimal medical requirements.

Because prison and health conditions are part of a lawsuit filed against the state, neither officials with the state Department of Correction nor officials with the Tennessee-based Prison Health Services, which has provided health care for Alabama prisons since November, would comment on specific allegations in the report.

The case is set to go to trial in the federal courtroom of Judge Karon Bowdre on May 17.

"It is very important to note that this report is written by a trial witness

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# The Criminal Justice Center

## A 20+ Year Dream

RSA EDITORIAL

Mark Twain highlighted one of the central challenges for anyone in our business when he said, "It ain't what you don't know that gets you in trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so."

Nearly two decades ago, the RSA decided to build office buildings for state agencies and was viciously attacked. The purpose was twofold: to give state employees and taxpayers a "Class A" product at "Class B" and "Class C" prices, and to stop a form of simple Montgomery corruption. In the past, state government paid \$15-18 million dollars a year to lease dumps to house state workers. During the campaign, candidates for Governor would receive small contributions, but after the election the local landlords would pay off the winner's campaign obligations for continued rental of these properties. Thankfully, that form of corruption is in the history books.

Finally, after numerous attempts, the last two state agencies, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, are moving from office space that in some cases had asbestos, no hot water, or was literally a warehouse into the old St. Margaret's/Baptist Hospital property purchased by the RSA. The property has been gutted and vastly improved and is now the new "Criminal Justice Center," which will also house the Pardons and Paroles Board. This complex is a tribute to former Governor Don Siegelman and Governor Bob Riley for whom the taxpayers and the public employees of Alabama thank for their vision.

*ADOC note: Information Systems is the first division scheduled to move into the new CJC. This move is expected to begin in mid June.*



## 2003 Work Squad Summary of Labor Savings

INSTITUTION	Yearly Inmate Utilization	Total Hours Worked	Savings By State	Savings By County	Savings By City	Other Savings	Total Savings
Atmore Work Release	67	1,278	\$0.00	\$1,709.80	\$4,871.90	\$0.00 =	\$6,581.70
Bibb Correctional Facility	923	63,491	\$205,759.24	\$34,394.53	\$86,213.06	\$611.56 =	\$326,978.39
Bullock Correctional Facility	361	53,424	\$128,132.00	\$103,947.60	\$43,054.00	\$0.00 =	\$275,133.60
Bullock Work Release Center	113	12,141	\$62,526.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 =	\$62,526.15
Childersburg Work Release	2,144	311,700	\$306,981.20	\$265,863.60	\$1,005,506.60	\$26,903.60 =	\$1,605,255.00
Easterling Correctional Facility	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 =	\$0.00
Elba Work Release Center	1,231	9,600	\$20,105.60	\$11,494.80	\$17,839.60	\$0.00 =	\$49,440.00
Elmore Correctional Facility	4,121	503,640	\$1,020,276.80	\$271,590.40	\$925,352.00	\$376,526.80 =	\$2,593,746.00
Farquhar Cattle Ranch	551	63,102	\$86,533.96	\$49,141.71	\$189,300.66	\$0.00 =	\$324,976.33
Frank Lee Youth Center	937	63,696	\$0.00	\$150,586.00	\$177,901.60	\$0.00 =	\$328,487.60
Hamilton Aged and Infirm	2,131	85,236	\$9,929.20	\$0.00	\$409,301.40	\$19,734.80 =	\$438,965.40
Hamilton Work Release Center	872	53,583	\$721.00	\$56,701.50	\$218,529.95	\$0.00 =	\$275,952.45
J.O. Davis Correctional Center	3,233	515,715	\$1,525,697.80	\$509,762.45	\$620,472.00	\$0.00 =	\$2,655,932.25
Limestone Correctional Center	978	52,672	\$153,573.00	\$49,918.95	\$24,241.05	\$43,527.80 =	\$271,260.80
Loxley Work Release Center	1,002	164,325	\$236,910.30	\$247,514.15	\$361,849.30	\$0.00 =	\$846,273.75
Red Eagle Honor Farm	2,478	268,912	\$965,019.40	\$0.00	\$358,818.40	\$0.00 =	\$1,323,837.80
St. Clair Correctional Center	269	34,189	\$164,285.00	\$0.00	\$11,788.35	\$0.00 =	\$176,073.35
Ventress Correctional Facility	1,656	111,736	\$188,078.00	\$88,332.80	\$299,029.60	\$0.00 =	\$575,440.40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23,067</b>	<b>2,368,440</b>	<b>\$5,074,528.64</b>	<b>\$1,840,958.29</b>	<b>\$4,754,069.47</b>	<b>\$467,304.56 =</b>	<b>\$12,136,860.97</b>
<b>Averages by Month</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>197,370</b>	<b>\$422,877.39</b>	<b>\$153,413.19</b>	<b>\$396,172.46</b>	<b>\$38,942.05</b>	<b>\$1,011,405.08</b>



# JOB-STARVED PERRY COUNTY SET TO HOUSE PRIVATE PRISON

CARLA CROWDER AND TOM GORDON NEWS STAFF WRITERS/BIRMINGHAM NEWS

The Black Belt's Perry County - best known for catfish, poverty and Baptists - is soon to become home to Alabama's first private prison. LCS Corrections Services, a company that runs prisons in Louisiana and Texas, will build the for-profit lockup.

Perry County officials tout the planned 880-bed prison as economic salvation for one of Alabama's most depressed pockets.

Perry County Commission chairman Johnny Flowers termed the project "a win-win situation for the state and a definite win situation for Perry County."

"We need the jobs and they need the (prison) space," Flowers said.

In March, Perry had an unemployment rate of 9.4 percent, nearly twice the state average.

Who will fill the beds remains unknown. Alabama prison officials have no plans to house inmates there. "The State of Alabama Department of Corrections has not been negotiating a contract with them, and has not agreed to do business with them," said Brian Corbett, a spokesman for the Department of Corrections. "That being said, we need bed space."

State prisons pack more than 26,000 prisoners in space designed for 12,300.

In other states, including Mississippi and Ohio, private prisons have imported prisoners from other states. Once the contracts expire, layoffs follow, unless the prison operators can bring in a new round of prisoners.

Flowers said the prison "could be used for out-of-state inmates" if

Alabama balks at using the Perry facility "to its full capacity."

The idea for a private prison took hold about a year ago, after the state was transferring female inmates from Tutwiler Prison for Women to an LCS prison in Basile, La., Flowers said. He met with LCS officials in Basile, and asked them about bringing a prison for Alabama prisoners to Perry County.

Before making the trip, Flowers said he discussed the idea with Gov. Bob Riley. Also at the meeting was state Sen. Hank Sanders, D-Selma, whose district includes Perry County and who is the county commission attorney. Also present were Sen. Charles Steele, D-Tuscaloosa, state Rep. Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro, and LCS leaders.

The governor said the state needed more space for male inmates, and that it would put some of them in the Perry County prison if that prison were to be built, Flowers said.

"These gentlemen agreed to build the space on the governor's word. Nothing in writing but strictly on the governor's word," Flowers said.

"I trust Gov. Riley to be a man of his word," he added.

Riley spokesman Jeff Emerson said Wednesday the governor recalled the meeting. "But in terms of a commitment to house state prisoners there, the gover-

nor did not make a commitment," Emerson said. "They asked for a commitment, and he said 'if we need the space we'll use it. If we don't, then we won't.'"

Flowers said the prison should be up and operating by May or June 2005, and will be 3.5 miles east of his home of Uniontown on U.S. 80. Flowers said the county provided no incentives such as tax abatements to attract the company.

The prison will initially house 880 inmates but will have a lunchroom and laundry facilities that could serve about between 3,000 to 4,000 inmates if the prison is expanded. The facility initially should have a work force of about 140 employees, a payroll of about \$2.9 million and will cost about \$20 million to build.

LCS will take on the construction and the county will not contribute any funds to the project, Flowers said.

LCS, a company founded by architects, has a dubious history, both in its treatment of prisoners and in the security of its prisons.

"This company has been in hot water with human rights abuses going way back," said Judy Greene, a criminal justice policy analyst in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Human rights groups singled out an LCS-owned prison as one of country's worst for mistreatment of INS detainees in the late 1990s. Several guards pleaded guilty to beating prisoners.

At the Basile prison, which holds 200 Alabama women, the Evangeline Parish District Attorney is pursuing criminal charges against at least one guard accused of sexually assaulting an inmate.

LCS also has had problems with employee turnover, escapes, drug use and a riot. Flowers said he did

not expect those problems to surface at the Perry prison.

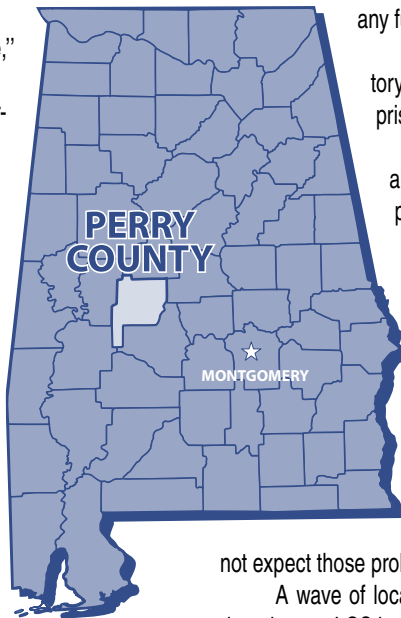
A wave of locating prisons in poor, rural counties exploded more than a decade ago. LCS has fed on the trend, targeting job-starved communities where they find guards willing to work for \$7 an hour.

**Benefits questioned** Critics of for-profit incarceration say the economic payoff is overstated. "Once a county gets a prison, similar to counties that take a toxic waste dump, they tend to be stigmatized. It's just not a healthy base for building a healthy economy," Greene said.

A lack of funding for treatment and education is typical of private prison companies. In their year at Basile,

Alabama's inmates have mostly been idle.

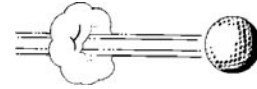
"They're in it to make a profit, and that's the bottom line," Greene said. ■



**"They [LCS] asked for a commitment, and he said 'if we need the space we'll use it. If we don't, then we won't.'"**—Gov.'s spokesperson, Emerson

## A Million in the Hole

### Decatur's One Million Dollar Hole-in-One Golf Tournament



**O**n May 4, 2004, Decatur CBF/CWC held its second annual Golf Tournament at Valley Landing Golf Course in beautiful Courtland, Alabama. Local Decatur Work Release Employers and Community Supporters of the Work Release Program sponsored the tournament. The tournament was open to all ADOC employees, local law enforcement officers and supporters of the ADOC Work Release Program.

Golfers were welcomed to the tournament and registration began at 8:00am. Everyone received a "goody bag" with golf balls, discount golf coupons from Dick's Sporting, sweet treats, peanut butter crackers, and golf tees. A drawing was held for the three golfers that would play for the ONE MILLION-DOLLAR HOLE IN ONE to be held prior to lunch! The golfers' names drawn were Deputy Commissioner Terrance Jones, Decatur Employer Willie LaFavor (CSFCO), and ACI employee Lynn Stauch. Approximately forty-six golfers registered to enter the tournament. Muffins, pastries, sausage and biscuits, coffee and orange juice was provided during registration.

Two men teams were drawn and the tournament began around 9:00am. Just to mention a few highlights of the tournament: Deputy Commissioner Greg Lovelace officiated the event while offering moral support to the "Montgomery group." Commissioner Campbell's hurt knee prevented him from playing in the tournament. ADOC Attorney, Kim Thomas showed himself to be an accomplished golfer with an "ace chip" early in the game, however something happened to his game as the day progressed. He also felt a mistake had occurred during the drawing for the door prizes and that Deputy Commissioner Jones mistakenly got his Big Bertha club. Limestone's resident golf pro, Capt. Garland Franks just simply had a bad day and his warden, Billy Mitchem did not fare any better despite his University of Alabama attire. Decatur CBF's pro's Larry Chapman and Frederick Langley both did not have their best day on the links with COI Chapman aiding in the soil drainage of the nearby cotton field by depositing a few golf balls in it. Lawrence County Sheriff Bryan Hill's game seemed to deteriorate when he lost his caddy, SIR Sgt. Scarlotte Carroll. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department

showed they know how to play golf. Gerald Payne, Gerald's Restaurant, showed everyone that his golf lessons from DCC Golf Pro Stevenson was money well spent. Lakeland Industry employees showed they love golf with Shipping Manager Mark Hammonds; missing first place by one stroke and placing 2nd. ADOC

Engineering Supervisor Larry Kelly's brand new golf shoes failed to improve his game. ACI Andy Farguar used his gift certificate to buy a new pair of golf shoes for next year's tournament. Bob Bowen, Bob Bowen and Associates, has been commissioned as an "Eternal Sponsor" for his bratwursts in all future tournaments. DCBF employees & sponsors provided some very nice desserts enjoyed by many. Deloain Burgess, Deloain's New York Salon De Beaute, has also been eternally commissioned for decor and flower arrangements in all future tournaments. LCF Officer Anthony Brooks showed everyone how to "drive" the golf ball, however LCF Officer Richard Stover claims credit for Officer Brooks drive because he recently



*Two golf teams - Jimmy Rhodes and Ike Hadley (left), Lloyd Wallace, and Tony Holiday (right) prepare to tee-up for their million(s).*

sold Officer Brooks his driver. LCF, Lt. Robert Pivonka, ACI, Earnest Patillo and Dan Malone showed everyone that "it's all in the putt."

While the tournament was in progress, DCBF/CWC employees took photos of the golfers and delivered water and cold drinks to the golfers. At approximately 12:30pm, golfers returned to the clubhouse where their scores were tallied and posted by Valley Landing Golf Pro Jason Logston.

At approximately 1:00pm, the Decatur Country Club PGA Golf Pro Rusty Stevenson arrived to officiate the Million Dollar Hole in One Shot. DCBF/DCWC Officer Joe Thompson was present to video the event and Sheriff Bryan Hill was present for certification per million dollar pay off requirements. Commissioner Campbell was concerned we might lose a DOC employee if the "million-dollar hole in one" was won by one of our own. Regretfully no one won, however; everyone can honestly say they had a shot at a million. It is worth mentioning that all players made the 205-yard drive to the pin, thank you.

A 2004 four wheeler was also available to be taken home by any golfer that made a hole in one on the 9th Hole. Regretfully the four wheeler had to be returned to work release employer, Allsport.

Following the Million Dollar Hole in One event, golfers entered the club-



house where a buffet lunch feast awaited them. Lunch consisted of bratwurst, hamburgers, hotdogs, barbecue, baked beans, potato salad, slaw, potato chips. Desserts were cake, apple crunch, banana pudding and apple pie. Everyone appeared to enjoy the food.

At approximately 3:00pm, Commissioner Donal Campbell, Deputy Commissioner Greg Lovelace and Warden Bettina Carter awarded prizes and trophies.

The following winners received a trophy and cash prize money!

•1st Place: *Lyndon McWhorter and Gerald Payne*

•2nd Place: *Mark Hammonds and Steve Tinsley*

•3rd Place: *Donnie Gibson and Gary Scoggins*

Other Awards and Prizes:

•"Longest Drive (17th Hole)" Driver and Gift Certificate awarded to : *Anthony Brooks*

•"Par 3 Closest to the Pin" Putter and Gift Certificate awarded to : *Robert Pivonka, Earnest Patillo, Dan Malone.*

Following the awards presentation, door prizes were drawn. EVERYONE received a door prize, (some more than one prize)! Door prizes consisted of Big

Betha Drivers, Putters, a CPR club, golf flight bags, a Cleveland Iron, furry animal club head covers, golf

balls, golf balls, and golf balls (Pro V I, Nike I, Maxi Flight, etc), golf shirts,

golf hats and gloves, digital binoculars, CD players, boom box

stereo, fifty dollar gift certificates to Golf Stores, golf

club head cover set, and many more miscellaneous prizes. Additionally, Palms

and tournament flower arrangements were given away. Everyone seemed very

pleased with his prize. It is my understanding that Deputy Commissioner Jones refused Mr. Hightower's

offer to trade his digital binoculars for Commissioner Jones' Big Bertha driver.

Commissioner Jones' Big Bertha driver.

Our intent was to have fun at this golf tournament and the feedback received following the tournament shows this was accomplished.

THANK YOU!!

A special thanks to all the staff at DCBF/CWC who worked hard to make this tournament a success and to all the golfers that attended the tournament. Above all, special thanks to all the sponsors who donated money and prizes!

The tournament was fun and if you weren't there; you truly missed an "Event!"

Hopefully Commissioner Campbell's knee will be better so he can play and Warden Ike Hadley will give Deputy Commissioner Lovelace some golf lessons so he can play next year. Warden Carter promises to move the blue tees to the white tees prior to the beginning of the tournament in addition to getting her numbers & cart assignments straight for the team drawings.

Mark your calendar and get ready for Next year's tournament, see you there!!■

Article contributed by: *Lt. Rene' Mason*



1st Place Trophy was presented to: Employer and owner of Gerald's Restaurant, Gerald Payne and Chief Deputy Lyndon McWhorter by Comm. Campbell and Dep. Comm. Lovelace.



Billy Mitchem "chewing" on some ideas with Comm. Campbell and Mr. Lovelace.



Mr. Hightower (table center), Jimmie Henderson, Jerry Meadows and Dep. Comm. Jones (background) all brag on their game, door prizes and the potential of being a millionaire.

## Saint Dismas Society Sponsors Financial Peace University In Tutwiler Faith And Honor Dorm

Eleven inmate members of the Tutwiler Faith and Honor Dormitory and three free world members of the Society of Saint Dismas have begun a new "sharing knowledge" project together. They are offering a money management course called "Financial Peace University" which was authored by Dave Ramsey, a nationally syndicated radio personality.

Financial Peace University is a Christian, Bible-based approach to personal financial responsibility. The course lasts thirteen weeks and has been held on Monday evenings from 4:30 to 6:00.

Assistant Chaplain Leola Postlethwait requested the project. She thought the prisoners could learn to manage their money in prison so that when they got out they would have an understanding of how to make a budget work. The course teaches them "to tell their money what to do, instead of their money telling them what to do." They learn to avoid rip-offs targeted at the poor and uneducated.

### WORKS OF MERCY: TUTWILER MIU MEMBERS CLOTHE THE NEEDY

Inmates of the Tutwiler medical Isolation Unit teamed up with several outside member of the society of Saint Dismas for sewing classes during the fall and Christmas seasons. The purpose of the class is to give students basic knowledge of garment construction and the sewing machine. Each student made a maternity top and in addition, one person made an outfit for a small child. They donated the clothes to needy expectant mothers. The six inmates successfully graduated and received certificates from the dressmaker.

The women have been using their skills to help children and babies. They created from scratch many stuffed teddy bears as gifts for severely handicapped

children in a nearby nursing home. The inmates even made their own patterns for the bears. In the month of April, the inmate members of Saint Dismas in the MIU voted to adopt the nursing home for profoundly handicapped children. Their newest project is making bibs for the children. The pattern has been obtained and T-shirts, from which the bibs are made, have been gathered and the inmate members are anxious to get started. As part of their ongoing training, inmates will use an overlock sewing machine for the first time.

This spring the HIV-positive women returned to an earlier project of making quilts for AIDS babies. This time they have enjoyed much help. One of the "free world" volunteers on the quilt project, Melissa, owns a machine embroidery business and maintains a website as part of this function. On her website, Melissa told the story of the HIV-positive inmates making quilts for AIDS babies and how touched she was by this, especially when each finished quilt is sent to the outside with a hug from those who had a hand in making it.

After telling this story, Melissa began receiving embroidered quilt blocks and backing from fellow quilt enthusiasts from all over the USA! She ended up with 250 blocks and has since received many inquiries about when Saint Dismas will be ready for more.

Melissa and her two daughters, ages 16 and 11, cut the backing and sashing for the clocks and assembled kits for the inmates and even made instruction sheets to help in the assembly. The inmates then got busy!

As many as twenty baby quilts were made by the inmates and distributed to babies with AIDS by ABC Quilts. ABC Quilts, At-risk Baby Crib Quilts, was founded in 1982 and has distributed more than half a million quilts worldwide to babies who are affected by alcohol, drugs, HIV/AIDS or family abandonment. The organization also works to educate young people about substance abuse and the prevention of AIDS. ■

## Salute: Contributors Rewarded with BBQ

Salute! To all ADOC employees who contributed to the State Combined Campaign. This year our agency increased our giving from 2002 by more than three thousand dollars. Total raised for 2003 = \$12,609.00 (2002 total = \$9,414.00). The following institutions have won BBQ dinners by raising the most money.

- 1st – Bibb C. F. (\$2,146)
- 2nd – Easterling C. F. (\$2,124)
- 3rd – Elmore C. F. (\$1,504)

Elmore enjoyed their BBQ dinner in March, just before spring break. Bibb employees were treated to lunch Thursday, April 22nd. Easterling is scheduled to receive their deserving reward during the month of May. ■





## Around the State Facility News

### Alabama Corrections Academy

•The 2nd basic correctional officer training class reported to the Academy on April 1st. Class 2004-02 presently has 69 Cadets assigned to the class. Class 2004-02 is scheduled to graduate June 24, 2004.

•Class 2004-01 graduated on April 1, 2004. Seventy-five (75) cadets successfully completed all requirements in accordance to APOSTC and ADOC. Superintendent of Selma City Schools, Dr. James Carter, was the commencement speaker. Lt. Jeff Boutwell, Academy Supervisor, was presented his 20-year service pen at the ceremony as well.

•Class 2004-03 will officially begin on July 17, 2004, and they will report to the Academy on July 25, 2005.

•The 2nd Refresher/Lateral Entry class for 2004 is scheduled for May 17 – 27, 2004. We presently have four (4) officers scheduled to attend.

•Lieutenant Bruce Chesser and Sergeant Brian Still greeted the second Jail Management class of 2004 on April 26, 2004. Thirty-one (31) jailers attended the two-week course from the following counties: Butler, Chambers, Chilton, Clarke, Coffee, Cullman, Escambia, Geneva, Lauderdale, Lee, Macon, Marshall, Madison, and Montgomery. The class will graduate on May 6, 2004.

•The ACA staff traveled to Donaldson Correctional Facility on April 8th to conduct on-site testing. Fifty-four (54) participants were administered the written test and fifty-two (52) participated in the physical ability testing. We have on-site testing scheduled for May 20th at Draper Correctional Facility and June 10th at Bibb Correctional Facility.

•We are continuing our Recruitment efforts as well. In the past two months, we participated in the following Career Fairs: Southern Region Military & Civilian Job Fair; Alabama State University Career Fair; Auburn University Career Fair; Troy State University Job Fair; Lee High School in Montgomery; Bibb High School in Brent.

We will be participating in the upcoming Montgomery Advertiser Job Fair next week as well.

### Alexander City CBF

•We would like to thank Officer McArthur Whetstone for 25 years of dedicated ADOC service. He will be retiring in June and will be sorely missed.

•ACCBF would like to welcome Officer William Thornton as he rejoins our staff. Officer Thornton

recently graduated from the Selma Basic Training Academy on April 1, 2004.

•We would also like to welcome our new religious volunteer Chaplain, Chris Jerrells.

•We would like to recognize four members of our staff that are currently Military Activated:

— Sergeant Christopher Clark (Activated March 15, 2003)

— Officer James Trimble (Activated December 6, 2003)

— Officer Christopher Foreman (Activated January 12, 2004)

— Sergeant Michael Adair (Activated February 8, 2003) -he has returned home from Iraq and is scheduled to return to work on May 16, 2004. We are grateful for his safe return and welcome him back.

•Officer Christopher Foreman has a new addition to his family. He is the proud father of a baby boy. Officer Foreman is serving in the military and was granted brief leave to see his new born son.

•Congratulations goes out to Captain George Carter is who recently received his service pin for 25 years of service with DOC.

•ACCBF hosted a Mini-Mac meeting (Medical Contractor for ADOC) for the Kilby region. It was a great success.

•Thanks to Angela Villali, Drug Treatment Supervisor from Tutwiler, for taking the time to speak at our recent SAP graduation Class 1.

•ACCBF held its SAP graduation Class 2 on May 14, 2004. Carl Canoy, Aftercare Counselor for Montgomery Work Center was the guest speaker. Twenty-seven inmates graduated this class.

### Atmore CBF

•Atmore Community Based Facility has been renamed Atmore Community Based Facility / Work Camp due to the facility housing level II security inmates. Some of this population of inmates is able to check out and work on jobs outside the facility while others are restricted to the facility. A special population of level I inmates classified as SMI are also being transferred to this facility. These events have presented unique and special challenges to the staff at ACBF/WC. However, we are up to the task.

•We are grateful for the return of Lt. Joseph Raines. Lt. Raines underwent surgery on an ailing knee and was out of action for more than one month

and a half. We missed you while you were out Lt., but; sham time is over. GET TO WORK!

•Drug treatment continues to move in a positive direction. Inmates are now assessing more and more resources from the outside. Representatives from approved transitional facilities, vocational rehabilitation specialists and other agencies are routinely appearing in the facility. Bridge groups have begun and are scheduled to take place two times a month. Even though resources and space are sparse, the drug treatment counselor and the staff of ACBF/ WC are pressing on to make it a success in the present situation.

•Sgt. Mary Cooks, who served on the ADOC picnic committee, sends her appreciation to everyone who participated in the ADOC picnic in any way. Sgt. Cooks stated that the picnic was a huge success and a great day of fun in the sun. She would like to see the event become bigger and better each year.

•Atmore Community Based Facility /Work Camp is and will continue to create innovative ways to serve this very unique and special population. Without a doubt our staff will continue to answer the bell.

•COI. Mary Smith received Top Gun Awards for her performance on the firing range with the revolver and the shotgun. Smith's performance was better than any of her fellow officers during Advanced Training in March. Congratulations Officer Smith keep up the good work, you represented us well!



Warden S. Folks (lt) presents COI Mary Smith with TOP GUN Award.

### Bullock CBF

•Bullock CBF gives a Birthday gala each month to celebrate employee's Birthday for that month. Officer Kelvin Tippet's birthday was celebrated for the month of May. Congratulations to Officer Tippet.

### Bullock Correctional Facility

•Congratulations to Henry Perkins on his promotion to Captain at Fountain Correctional Facility. We wish Capt. Perkins the best in his new position.



Henry Perkins (left) promoted to Captain.

•We welcome the following new employees: Sarah King, ASAI; Diane Penn, ASAI; Aurezetta Caldwell, R/O; Travis Fitzpatrick, cadet; Elizabeth Laseter, cadet; and Regina Burnette, cadet.

•We welcome back the following staff who have been deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom: Sgt. Gwendolyn Babers, Officer Wilbert Stokes, Officer Mose Foster, Officer Michael France; Officer Yolanda Walker, Officer Derrick Ferdinand, Officer Joshua Folmar and cadet Leon Ford. We are thankful for their safe return and continue to pray for our employees who are still deployed.

•BCCF SAP program had a total of 67 inmates graduate on March 12 and April 16.

•BCCF Crime bill had 42 inmates graduate on April 6.

•Congratulations to Ms. Savanah Fitzpatrick and the BCCF American Cancer Society 'Relay for Life Team' members in going over their goal in raising monies for the American Cancer Society and receiving Star Team award. The team raised \$2000.00 for the cancer society.

•Congratulations to the following Staff on receiving service pins, Officers Aundra Jackson, Bernard Fitzpatrick and Eric Williams- 5 years, Officer Michael France-10 years, Sgt. Ruthie Perry and Sgt. Cedric Smith, and Classification Specialist Sherry Seals - 15 years.



Photos from prev. column, top to bottom:  
COI Aundra Jackson, 5 yr. service pin.  
COI Eric Williams, 5 yr. service pin.  
Sherry Seals, Classification Spec. —15 yr. service pin.

### Camden CFB

•Congratulations to Sergeant Willie J. Allen on his recent promotion (effective 06 March 2004) from CO-I to CO-II at Camden Community Based Facility.

•Effective 10 May 2004, Lieutenant Ronald Sellers returned to work at Camden CBF after a tour of duty in Iraq. Lt. Sellers was part of a Military Police-Army National Guard unit from Thomasville, Alabama that saw extensive duty in Iraq. We are proud of Lt. Sellers and all the other troops serving in our armed forces.

•In March 2004, Sergeant Peter Allen was appointed by the mayor of Camden to fill a vacancy on the Camden City Council. We are proud that Sgt. Allen accepted the position and hope that he will serve his hometown to the best of his ability.

### Childersberg Boot Camp

On May 25, 2004, the Childersburg Disciplinary Rehabilitation Unit conducted graduation ceremonies for completion of the Adult Correctional Boot Camp. Forty-three of the 74 individuals that started the program on Nov. 19, 2003 received Completion Certificates. Sixteen of the 43 graduates attended Adult Basic Education classes and achieved scores

that enabled them to be selected to take their GED test. Five individuals achieved a perfect score of 300 based on a military physical fitness test. This was the third and the largest class to graduate since the program was extended to 6 months.

•Completion of the program is a benefit to the individual, his family and correctional facilities. Upon entering the program, each individual is assessed both medically and educationally to determine physical fitness and needed education curriculum with substance abuse class attendance. The program offers individuals physical training, educational enhancement classes and substance abuse training to assist the individual in society and to deter their return to a correctional facility. The program greatly benefits the Corrections Department in that all individuals that are sentenced to the program would have been sentenced to the prison system from 1 to 10 years. The completion of the 6-month Boot Camp Program by one individual, who would otherwise have served 3 years in prison, frees up 5 beds that would have been occupied in the prison system. The extended program benefits the individual, allowing them more time away from the elements or temptations that originally caused them to be sentenced and allows more time for educational classes and substance abuse classes that the individual would not have received if they had remained in society.

### Donaldson Correctional Facility

•On site testing was conducted at Donaldson correctional facility. A total of 59 individuals participated in the testing. A total of 54 potential applicants passed the test. Several state employees from other institutions assisted with the testing. We at Donaldson would like to extend our thanks for all of your help and support.

•April 20, 2004 was Secretary's Day. The support secretaries, mental health secretaries, medical personnel secretaries were shown appreciation for their hard work and dedication by being treated to lunch at Cracker Barrel restaurant by their immediate supervisors. All of the employees at Donaldson would like to make our appreciation for these individuals known. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

•Officer Brian Krukowski was selected as Officer of the Quarter from March thru June 2004. Officer Krukowski is assigned to second shift population. Officer Krukowski was given the opportunity to select his off days for the Quarter. Officer Krukowski is a very hard working employee and he is one that you can depend on. Officer Krukowski is very deserving of this nomination and he is to be commended for a job well done.



•A Correctional Officer Appreciation luncheon was held at Donaldson Correctional Facility for the Correctional employees on Friday, May 7, 2004. The following is a list of the employees who were awarded various prizes. (see above photos.)

•Cash prizes: Joyce Romeo - \$25.00; Deborah Marshall - \$25.00; Reginald Bolling - \$25.00; Carla Sanders - \$25.00; Darryl Kemp - \$25.00; Robert Coleman - \$50.00; George Howell - \$50.00

•Gift certificate/card: Vincent Cheatham - Wok Cuisine; Sylvester Anderson - Bright Star Restaurant; Wallace Peterson - Steve's Grocery; Roy Williams - Red Top Steak.

•Weekend or mandatory shift coverage: Barbara Moore - Warden Bullard; Mccarlie Thomas - Warden Huntley; James Beachem - Captain Richburg; Eddie Washington - Captain Tew; Willie Heflin - Captain Gordy; Johnny Dotson - Captain Findley  
Prize: Ladarius Pickens - Flashlight

•The following employees were awarded service pins: [Name/Date of Employment/Years of Service] Blair, Peter/May 10, 1984/ 20 years; Hasberry, James/March 15, 1984/20 years; Pugh, Rodgers/March 6, 1984/20 years; Brewer, Kerry/April 9, 1984/ 20 years; Bullard, Stephen/April 30, 1984/20 years; Clark, Kenneth/April 2, 1984/20 years; Anderson, Robert/April 26, 1989/15 years; Martin, Anthony/April 24, 1989/15 years; Watts, Mary/March 7, 1994/ 10 years; Jackson, Jim/April 16, 1994/10 years; Pinkney, James/December 19, 1994/9 years; Bailey, Michelle/April 12, 1999/ 5 years

•Timothy Pope from Draper Correctional Facility was promoted to Sergeant at Donaldson Correctional Facility on April 17, 2004. Sgt. Pope reported to Donaldson to begin in this position on April 26, 2004. We at Donaldson would like to welcome Sgt. Pope aboard and we look forward to working with him. Congratulations to Sgt. Pope.

•Sgt. Katrina Moore of Donaldson Correctional facility will be transferring to Tutwiler correctional facility as a sergeant. We at Donaldson are going to miss you Sgt. Moore and we wish you well in your endeavor.

•Warden Stephen Bullard attended the NIC Program "Management of Violent, high-risk and supermax inmates" from April 19, 2004 thru April 23, 2004. Warden Bullard acknowledged his appreciation to Commissioner Donal Campbell and Deputy Commissioner Greg Lovelace, for being given the opportunity to attend this program. Warden Bullard stated that the program shows the importance of a solid comprehensive mission, the vision of where you want to go and the values associated with achieving that mission. Other areas that were useful are the possibilities of developing a level system in administrative segregation, which involves programming, rewards, (privileges) and consequences, dealing with

staff issues as related to mission, methods for creating change for the institutional culture (staff).

### Draper

•Draper Correctional Center has been on the move since our last newsletter. We've had promotions, transfers, awards, new correctional officers and new employees.

•Anne Smitherman, Business Manager, transferred to Bibb County CF.

•Walter Burke, Draper's new Business Manager as of May 1, 2004.

•Congratulations to Ms. Gloria Thompkins on her promotion to Psychological Associate.

•Ms. Marcella Smith moved to Crime Bill, bringing five years Crime Bill previous experience from Bullock Community BF and Bullock CF.

•Welcome Ms. Madia Wheeler, ISAP Counselor, transferred from Bullock CF.

•Welcome and Congratulation to Captain Joseph Womble, promoted to Captain, from Elmore.

•Welcome Chris Rawls, ASAI, Shift Clerk, and transfer.

•Welcome and Congratulations to our 13 new officers - S. Abner, T. Bass, A. Campbell, J. Gill, G. Holder, K. Howell, C. Manora, D. Pieniaszek, D. Steele, A. Taylor, E. Woods, R. Woods, and D. Wright.

•Mrs. Brenda Boyd and Mrs. Marcella Smith completed two more ISAP groups with Edward Hardison, Draper Classification Supervisor and Earnestine Harris, Social Worker for Montgomery Housing Authority as guest speakers.

•Governor Riley presented Lt. Daniel Avant, Draper Farm Supervisor, with the "Alabama Governor Twenty" shooting award for "Outstanding Marksmanship." The association was formed in 1973 and was known as the Alabama Police Combat League with the first match in March of 1973 with 35 competitors competing. In 1988 the name changed and has remained "Alabama Police Pistol Association." The main purpose of this organization is to promote shooting competitions among police officers. Over 10,000 police officers from the United States and Alabama have competed over the years with lasting friendships established. At present Lt. Avant is the 2004 president. Congratulations! Lt. Avant

### Easterling Correctional Facility

•Congratulations to the following employees:  
—Employee of the Quarter: Kenneth New, Classification Specialist.

—Officer of the Quarter: Guerry Bonner, COI

—Supervisor of the Quarter: Cecil Robinson, Plant Maintenance Supervisor II.

—Promotion to Steward II: William Woods

•Welcome New Employees: D. C. Wilson, COSI; Robert Bryant, COII; Chequita Walker, Steward I

•Service Pins were presented to the following employees:

25 Yrs. - Lamar Gibson, COSI; 20 Yrs. - Pamela Davis, Canteen Manager; 15 Yrs. - Gwendolyn Foster, COI; 10 Yrs. - Joann Gibson, COI; 10 Yrs. - Synthia McKinnis-Banks, Radio Operator; 10 Yrs. - Aaron Robinson, Assistant Search Party Dog Handler; 5 Yrs. - Margaret Johnson, Steward I; 5 Yrs. - David Brooks, COI; 5 Yrs. - Jason Baxley, COII; 5 Yrs. - Bobby Middleton, COI; 5 Yrs. - Jerry Newby, COI; 5 Yrs. - John Pryor, COI; 5 Yrs. - Bryan Gavins, COI; 5 Yrs. - Gil McCollough, COI; 5 Yrs. - Stephanie Pryor, COI.

•Easterling Employees enjoyed a BBQ Dinner in recognition of their Second Place (\$22 short of 1st)

### 2003 CFC contributions:

—Warden II Kenneth Jones, Psychological Associate II Brian Mitchell, Program Services Officer

—Gerald Wagner, Drug Treatment Counselors  
Zanetta Thomas and Stephanie Scott attended the ASADS Conference in Tuscaloosa.

•We continue to remember our sixteen employees who have been activated to military service. They encounter possible risks daily as they defend the freedom we enjoy in our country.

### Elba CBF

•March 31, 2004: Sgt Jerome Ward and ASAI DeBirtha Harrelson were presented their 25-year pins. Officer Robert Wambles received his five-year pin.

•April 15: Officer Jennifer McCoverly was nominated and selected Officer Quarter at Elba CBF.

•April 19: Officer Joseph Stevens and his wife Millie are the proud parents of a baby girl Samantha Brooks Stevens, weighing in at 9 lbs. 10 oz. The staff surprised Officer Stevens with a diaper shower.

•May 13: In recognition of Correctional Officers Appreciation Week, Warden Foster provided the staff with a luncheon, shirts, pins and caps in their honor for a job well done.





Elba Work Release Corr. Officers @ Officers Appreciation Luncheon.

### Frank Lee Youth Center



Congratulations Officer Eugene Mangum (left) on receiving you 10 year service pin. Officer Mangum reached his 10-Year milestone on April of 2004, and is pictured receiving it from Captain Horace Burton, Jr.

- On April 1, 2004, Officers Fetzner and Sam Thomas successfully completed their Academy Training. Welcome back to Frank Lee Youth Center Officers Fetzner and Thomas.

- In April, Frank Lee Youth Center completed the conversion of a storage area into a shakedown facility used to strip search inmates returning from their Community Squad Jobs.

- April 16: Four additional strands of razor ribbon were installed on the perimeter fence at J.F. Ingram State Community College.

- Frank Lee Youth Center welcomes Officer Melissa A. Crawford to our Security Team. Officer Crawford transferred from Julia Tutwiler Prison on May 1, 2004.

- Mr. David Browder joined Frank Lee Youth Center on May 3, 2004, as the Canteen Clerk. Mr. Browder is a welcomed addition to the Team of Administrative Professionals, here, at Frank Lee Youth

Center.

- On May 5, 2004, Frank Lee Youth Center completed the installation of Privacy Panels for the shower areas to comply with recent regulatory demands.

- On May 15, Sgt. Nathan Parrish was activated in the Military and could possibly be deployed to Iraq. Our Prayers go with Sgt. Parrish.

### Fountain Correctional Facility

- In a recent Bradley Compliance audit by Dr. Jane Haddad, G.K. Fountain/J.O. Davis was found compliant with all conditions of the Bradley agreement. This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Ms. Carolyn Mburu, Ms. Sue Stafford, Dr. Donna Earnshaw, Dr. Donald Grigsby, Mr. Jim Corbit, Ms. LaTangie Shoemaker and the supervisors and employees at G.K. Fountain.

- The Fountain Farm has expanded its institutional garden this spring. With a little rain and a lot of work, we hope to have fresh vegetables to supplement our regular menu. We are looking forward to having fresh potatoes, field corn, tomatoes, butter beans, okra, squash, and peas.

- In a recent policy shift, Fountain inmates with minimum-in custody will start working at the Fountain Fleet Services Garage. In the past, these jobs have been assigned to inmates from the J.O. Davis unit.

- G.K. Fountain has been assisting the Albert Brewer Mental Health Center in Daphne, Al. close and renovate that building. Inmate labor has been used to load furniture, property, and supplies and to refurbish the building for use by another agency.

- Congratulations are in order for Officer of the Month: COI Barry Dunning.

- Support Employee of the Month: Ms. Christine Curtis, PHS. Supervisor of the Quarter: Mr. Patrick McKay, Business Manager.

- COI Joseph Anderson, who is currently on military assignment in Iraq, has informed us that his mission has been extended another 4 months.

- Cadet Tyrone Graham has returned from military assignment in Iraq. We are excited about him returning to the Fountain Family.

- G.K. Fountain/J.O. Davis is pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Henry Perkins to the rank of Captain. Captain Perkins comes to the Fountain Family from Bullock County.

### Hamilton CBF

HCBF/HWCW had 5 employees activated by the military for "Operation Enduring Freedom," effective March 15, 2003. We had 4 COI's and Warden Jimmy Patrick activated and stationed in Iraq. As of this date, 3 of the COI's have returned to work at this Facility, and the remaining COI is scheduled to return on June 01, 2004. We have no information as

to the return date of Warden Patrick. He is activated with the 214th MP Battalion, a different unit from the activated COI's, and remained in Iraq after their unit returned stateside.

### Holman Correctional Facility

Service pins were awarded to the following personnel:

Samuel Culliver, COI-15 years; James Johnson, COI-15 years; Richard Holbrook, Psy. Assoc.-15 years; Jerome Webster, COI-10 years; Lekrista Shoots, COI-10 years; Sheila Flowers, COI-10 years.

Congratulations to each of these employees for their years of service to the Department.

- Congratulations are also due to the following employees for being recognized by their peers for outstanding work:

Charlene Gandy, DON- Supervisor of the Quarter; David Parish, COI - Employee of the Month - February; Donald Odom, COI - Employee of the Month - March; Eugene Edwards, COI -Employee of the Month - April.

- Officer Jerry Etheridge received the Top Gun Award from the Advanced Training Center for the class of 2004-06.

- Congratulations are also in order for Lt. DeAngelo Burrell and Sgt. Dion Wasdin (Atmore Training Center) on achieving "Top Gun" scores at the recent Firearm's Instructor Refresher Course in Selma. The SOUTHERN REGION achieved a total overall average of 99.7 on all firearm qualifications during that week.

- We would like to welcome aboard our new Correctional Officers who recently graduated from the Selma Training Academy: Jacob Williams, COI; Derek Harrison, COI; Darren Walker, COI; Charles Daughtry, COI.

We expect to get many years of productive service from each of them, and wish them the best during their careers with the Department!

- We also welcome four new cadets and want them to feel welcome as they prepare to attend the Training Academy: Paul Stewart; Tobey Anthony; Calvin McCants; Michael Moffett.

- On May 6, 2004, 32 inmates were rewarded for their efforts in furthering their education and job skills. A graduation ceremony was held to award diplomas to those inmates who had earned them in GED, Barbering, Masonry, and Upholstery.

- Family night was held for the inmates in the Honor Dorm on April 16 and April 30. Participation was excellent for both nights and the inmates, as well as their family members really enjoyed the time together and the good food that was brought in.

- The Kairos group brought their message in to the Death Row inmates for the second year at Hol-



man. The weekend retreat was held on April 24, 25, and 26. Once again, the event went smoothly and hopefully had a positive affect on the inmates who attended.

### Investigations & Intelligence

Paul D. Yarbrough of Tallassee has been selected as the Correctional Investigative Services Director for the I & I Division effective Monday, May 3, 2004. Mr. Yarbrough is presently the Director of Public Safety for the City of Tallassee. His qualifications include a Criminal Justice degree from Jefferson State University in Birmingham, and a Police Administration degree from Samford University. He has also attended the Birmingham Police Academy and the FBI National Academy. Please help me welcome Mr. Yarbrough to the Department of Corrections, and render your support when possible.

### Kilby Correctional Facility

•Congratulations to the following employees receiving their service pins:

COI Willie Lawrence - 20 yr.; COI Anthony Barber - 10 yr.; COI Maryice Harris - 10 yr.; Ms. Denise DeRamas 5 yr.

•Welcome:

Anthony Alexander returned from Military Activation. Lorraine Taunton transferred to an ASA II position in Classification. She had previously worked at Tutwiler.

•We have 10 cadets at the academy and two here at KCF.

### Limestone Correctional Facility

•Limestone welcomes the six new Officers that graduated the Academy: James Holcomb, Reggie Gipson, Kenneth McClure, James Dorsey, Patrick Shakleford, and Quintas Rollette.

•Congratulations on the following promotions:

—Izrell Parker promoted from Steward II to Steward III.

—Linda Crews promoted from Canteen Clerk to Canteen Manager.

—Garland Franks promoted from Assistant Dog Handler to Dog Handler.

•Limestone welcomes the two Officers who transferred from Donaldson: Mark Roberts and Ryan Jones.

•Limestone welcomes three new Support employees:

—Mitzi Johnson - Drug Treatment Counselor

—Jennifer Kelly - Radio Operator I

—Hardie Short - Steward II

•Service Pins: Fred Cato, COI-5 years; Michael Fuqua, COI- 15 years; Marlin Lemons, COI-20 years; Randy Griffith, COI-20 years; Deir-

dre Haggerty, Steward II-5 years; Darrell Hendon, COSI-20 years; Joe Cordova, COI-10 years; Michael Hallmark, COI-10 years; Michael Thompson, COI-10 years; Roger Lovett, COI-10 years; Michelle Hearne, Classification-20 years.

### Loxley

We are proud to announce all of our deployed staff has returned safely. We are very grateful for this.

Service pins: Steward Richard Green-5yrs; Sgt. Joseph Deese-20yrs; Sgt. James Riley-20yrs; Sgt. Valerie Howel-5yrs; COI Joseph Legrone Received his 5 yr. Service pin on the very day of his resignation!

•4-1-04 COI Gerald Moore graduated from the ADOC Corrections Academy to join the Loxley staff.

•4-9-04 Loxley New Way of Life Aftercare Program had their annual picnic.

•The Loxley ABE program has a total of 21 students, 10 will be ready to take the GED test on May 28, 2004.

•4-22-04 Loxley presented their refresher course governing A.R. #320, "Inmate Work Squad Safety Near Roadways" all minimum custody work-squads were in attendance.

•5-11-04 Nurses from Fountain CC spoke at the regular monthly staff meeting. They presented information and instruction governing the care of diabetic inmates. They also answered questions from the staff. It was quite informative.

•5-12-04 Warden Reynolds attended the Baldwin Co. Board of Education Breakfast in Daphne, AL. LCWC received a Certificate of Recognition for partners in Education 2003-2004.

### Montgomery Community Work Center

•SIR District I - SGT Scarlotte Carroll reports that inmate Toi Gordon, B/F, 16532, assigned to the Tuscaloosa County SIR Program will graduate from the University of Alabama with a BS Degree in Social Services. Inmate Gordon has been assigned to the Tuscaloosa County SIR Program for approximately 2 years. She was sentenced on 04/13/2000 to a 20-year sentence and is due to EOS July 19, 2004. Congratulations to inmate Gordon for her hard work and perseverance.

•05/06/04 - Kudos to Sgt. Kenneth Cash, SIR Officer for his positive representation of the Alabama Department of Corrections, Montgomery Community Work Center, by participating in the Montgomery Reading Initiative Program. This program involves participants whom voluntarily read to students in area schools. Sgt. Cash reports he and the students of the Brewbaker Intermediate School thoroughly enjoyed their reading session.

•Congratulations to Warden Daniels for achieving the Top Gun Award for his outstanding performance during annual Weapons Qualifications.

### Red Eagle Honor Farm



Chief Steward Timothy Rowe received his 5-year service pin.

### St. Clair Correctional Facility

•St. Clair has been progressing well with the paint project. Our goal is to remove the eight layers of different paint from throughout the years and provide a fresh coat of paint throughout the facility. This will provide a better working environment for the officers.

•Congratulations to Dr. John Atchison who is our new Drug Treatment Counselor. Dr. Atchison came to us from MHM and is a welcomed addition. Congratulations also to our new Laundry Manager Ms. Wanda Echols. Also welcomed is Ms. Rebecca Steele our new ASA1.

•We also welcome our new graduates from the Academy: Jonathon Reagan; Michelle Gooden; Anthony Davis; Brain Burke; Douglas Ellen; Timothy Mason; Erron Twymon; Cornelius Spell.

•Congratulations to the following personnel who have received their service pins: Stanley Battles - 20Y; Rex Green - 20Y; Sidney Jackson - 20Y; John Scoggins - 20Y; Kimbrell Thomson - 20Y; Melvin Rogers - 15Y; Gwendolyn Threath - 10Y; John Butts - 5Y; Shannon Henry - 5Y; Ralph Lemons - 5Y.

•Congratulations to COII Kenneth Heflin. He was recently promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the 3rd shift.

•Lt. David Bracknell established a connection with UAB and has acquired surplus property for St. Clair which has saved the Department of Corrections a significant amount of money.

•STCCF held its Employee of the Quarter luncheon and honored Mr. Ronald Douglas, Drug Treatment Counselor as the Support Employee and CO1 Ples Wilkins as the Security Employee. Congratulations to these outstanding employees.

•CO1 Jimmy Carter, Library Officer, secured over 1300 new books from Books-a-Million and three libraries to update our general library. He is also acquiring audio/visual resources to conduct Spanish classes for the staff.

•The Bill Glass Crusade conducted a three day event. The Kairos also conducted a weekend ministry. The Discipleship Program graduated several inmates after weeks of religious study.

•St. Clair Correctional Facility honors our nine personnel who are deployed serving our Country:

Clyde Stone; Darryl Robinson; Lonzie Edwards; Michael McCleese; Deverett Howard; Kenneth Pierce; Donald Scott; Billy Ingram; Mark Taft.

STCCF suffered a great loss with the untimely passing of Captain Julian Varner. Captain Varner had over 30 years of state service. He will certainly be missed.

### Staton Correctional Facility



Captain Clifford Cartwright Staton Correctional Facility's Search Party Dog Handler celebrates 25 Years of Service



Steward II Gerald Smith, Staton Correctional Facility, makes Collegiate Honor Roll.

•Steward II Gerald Smith makes his mark in the collegiate world at Alabama State University where he is taking courses in criminal justice. He was awarded scholastic honors on April 16th 2004. Steward Smith started with the Department of Corrections in 1999 as a Steward I. Within a few years, he was promoted to Steward II at Staton. Steward Smith's outlook for the future in "Never accept less when one is able to do his best". I believe we shouldn't excel on jobs and in life because of who we know, but because of what we know, based on our abilities, skills and knowledge.

•Captain Clifford Cartwright, Staton Correctional Facility's Search Party Dog Handler, was recently awarded his 25 Years Service Pin. Captain Cartwright began his career as a Correctional Officer I in 1978 as a Farm Officer at Fountain Correctional Facility. He was promoted to Assistance Search Party Dog Handler at Fountain in 1981. He was promoted to Search Party Handler in 1991. Captain Cartwright has received many letters and certificates of accommodations from surrounding law enforcement agencies for his assistance in tracking and capturing felons and suspects. If they leave a trail, Cartwright will find them.

### Tutwiler Prison for Women

#### •SERVICE PINS:

- Mr. Tommy Cammon - 15 yrs
- Warden Gladys Deese - 25 yrs.
- Mrs. Holly Rankin - 10 yrs.
- Ms. Mattie Hunter - 10 yrs.
- Ms. Angela Villali - 15 yrs.
- Officer David Hutchinson - 15 yrs.

#### •Promotions, New Hires and Transfers

—Mrs. Jean Roden hired on May 17th for ASA II, Warden Albright's secretary.

—Mr. Chris Wilson promoted to Plant Maintenance Supervisor II on Saturday, May 15th. Congratulations

—Sergeant Katrina Moore transferred from Donaldson CF to Tutwiler.

•Warden Deese attended Warden's Training in Selma on May 19 - 21, 2004.

### Ventress Correctional Facility

•Alex Neal, drug treatment counselor, was involved in a motorcycle accident on Wednesday May 06, 2004. Mr. Neal was hospitalized and had surgery performed for a broken arm. We wish Mr. Neal a speedy recovery.

•Congratulations to Sgt. Michael Smith (2nd shift) on the birth of his new son, Cameron Tawan Smith 7lbs. 15 Oz., 22" long.

•We would like to welcome the following officers back from their tour of active military duty in

Iraqi freedom: Darrell Blackmon; John McKinnon; Gary Henderson; Steve Terry.

•Congratulations to Ofc. Toderick Burks the newest member of the South Central Cert Team.

•The Fed. Law Enforcement Training Center ranked Ventress training Lt. John Dowling and Sgt. Earl Cooper 2nd place with a 94% scoring for firearm Qualifications during firearm's instructor refresher course in Selma.■

See special feature from Ventress News on back cover.

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County Administrator Harry Still said he does not plan to recommend to the commission that it finance the work because of cash flow concerns. He said the county's general fund has loaned Immigration and Naturalization funds and other funds as well.

He said the county would "get started right away" on using the \$10,000 the program has.

Langdon said the community corrections program already saves money for the state - about \$19,000 in January for 98 people who did not go to prison. She said more space would allow the program to add several hundred people.

Langdon said that in February there were 12 people sentenced to the program rather than to jail and one other who came from a prison.

She said funds also are saved by the county because some people are put on bond and required to participate.

Chief of Corrections Wes Williamson said he did not know if expanding the program would save the county any money because he would have to know the type inmate assigned to it.

The program is self-supporting with money the program receives from the Department of Corrections, which is \$5 to \$15 per day for diverting people from the prison system. There is also a \$50 per month supervisory fee charged for overseeing people sentenced to the program.

Langdon said that monthly costs include random drug testing and supervision.

Langdon said she is attempting to determine how long it would take the commission to be reimbursed for the work. She said the program's four employees share one office now. With the current conditions there is no confidentiality and people have to wait in the lobby to see a program counselor. She said the program has to use the public rest rooms to get urine samples for drug tests.

She said with the additional space the program could hire two more employees and expand to have



700 to 800 people. She said they could pay the county back for the work over a period of time.

Presiding Etowah County Circuit Judge Allen Millican said the program is a good one because it saves tax money.

Millican, who is on the community corrections board of directors, said the program needs to figure out how it can repay the money to the county so the work can be done.

The work could be done in stages so the money won't have to be paid at one time, he said.

Millican said the community corrections program allows judges to sentence non-violent offenders to it rather than sending them to prison.

Millican said the state is pushing for alternative sentencing programs.

"In the long run it's pay me now or pay me later," Millican said. He said the program is effective for the community as a whole and allows alternatives to incarceration, which uses tax dollars.

He said those in the program are state prisoners, but the people of the county benefit because those who have had a family member arrested have a chance for them to be rehabilitated rather than going to prison.


"I have found on occasions," Millican said, "that when you send people to prison they come back better criminals."

David Horn, director of research and community corrections with the Alabama Department of Corrections, said the state is encouraging the expansion of community corrections programs but the state does not have money to help.

He said it costs the state \$27 a day to house inmates, but it costs the state only about \$10 a day to have someone in a community corrections program. He said the diversion fee ranges from \$5 a day to \$15 per day depending on how long a person is in the program.

Horn said community corrections statewide will run out of money in May unless the Legislature approves more money.

"You're helping your own people and you're also helping your own recidivism rate by keeping them and maybe helping them stay out of jail so that they won't re-offend," Horn said.

He said community corrections can also help a county jail by diverting inmates from the jail to the program. ■ 

#### *Drug Test Review: cont'd from pg 10*

Birmingham Work Release. "A published scientific study has shown that the test in use at Donaldson Correctional Facility wrongly identified urine specimens as positive one out of a hundred times," said Smith, a forensic analytical toxicologist in UAB's graduate program in forensic science.

The study, published in the July 1995 Journal of Forensic Sciences, found that the Microgenics CEDIA assay screening test, which is used by DOC, had a 98.9 percent sensitivity, meaning 1.1 percent of results are false positives.

Prison officials said they did not always use that particular screen anymore. They also use other tests, too.

Other similar screens also create false positives, Smith said.

The parole board also uses a drug test that's known to create a small percentage of false positives, said Ann Cargo, field services director for the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles. She estimates the rate is about 1 percent to 3 percent.

With that in mind, parole officers give parolees several chances before sending them back to prison.

A parole officer confronts and counsels a parolee and possibly refers him to more intense drug counseling after the first two positive tests. A third dirty test is a parole violation, Cargo said.

#### **Outside Tests:**

Parole also allows outside tests, but the prison system does not.

"Anytime we have an offender that's adamant they're not positive, they can have their own test done at their own expense, and we will accept the results of that test," Cargo said. "We will give them the benefit of the doubt and let their results stand, knowing if they're doing it, we'll catch them sooner or later."

Numerous Alabama inmates have requested re-tests, or outside lab tests and been denied, said Serwer Caldas.

Campbell said his evaluation will look at drug testing throughout the system. With Alabama's budget crisis and bulging prisons, he said he doesn't want anyone to stay in prison longer than the law requires.

"There's not a lot of flexibility right now," he said. "I want to look at it to see if we've been effective in what we've done, and could we lend any more discretion to what we're doing."

DOC's 1.8 percent positive test rate was one of the lowest in the country, said DOC spokesman Brian Corbett.

Last fiscal year, the prison system performed 121,066 drug tests on prisoners and staff. Of those, 2,141 tested positive for illegal drugs or alcohol.


That's down from 3,769 positives last year, ac-

cording to figures provided by Corbett. He cited an "aggressive drug treatment program" for the drop.

When a prison employee tests positive, DOC sends the sample to an outside lab for confirmation. Alabama prisoners don't get another test.

Part of his evaluation would be whether that is appropriate, Campbell said.

"In most states, I would think a field test is conducted, and the results would be sent out for confirmation," he said.

That would eliminate many of the problems, said Smith. ■ 

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layout (of Limestone) presents itself more so than Tutwiler."

Prison officials have also cited safety concerns in integrating the women, as well as transmission of the disease.

Though some of the Dorm 8 women said they have had sexual relations with others in the isolation unit, they insisted that they would never do so among the general population.

They also don't think any harassment or abuse in the general prison population could be worse than what some suffered outside Tutwiler, when they were free.

"I don't fear for my life in population — that's what guards are for," Radford said. "We coped with it out there on the streets before we came here, so what's the problem with us coping with it in here?"

Mississippi and South Carolina are the only two other states that keep HIV inmates in their own sleeping quarters, but like Limestone, they do integrate the prisoners into educational and vocational programs.

Despite their complaints of getting second-rate treatment, the Tutwiler women said they value their health more than anything else. They opted to wait patiently for access to the programs, instead of getting frustrated and weakening their systems through stress.

In the meantime, they have begun publishing an HIV/AIDS awareness newsletter to educate inmates outside their ward about contracting and living with the virus.

Sheila Smith said patience and faith are what keep her positive during her time at Tutwiler. She is serving five years for manslaughter in the shooting of her boyfriend.

The 38-year-old feels grateful for the amenities and classes the group has received, and spends time trying to better herself spiritually.

"I'm not going to say what I want or what I don't want because that freedom was taken away,"

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK WASHINGTON, D.C.



President Bush with Lt. Sharon McSwain-Holland and COI Gloria Wheeler during National Police Week in Washington.

Officer Gloria Wheeler and escorting Officer, Lt. Sharon McSwain-Holland of Ventress Correctional Facility attended National Police Week in Washington D.C., May 13-16, 2004. This program, sponsored by C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors Inc.), honored law enforcement officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Officer Gloria Wheeler's Daughter, Cadet Teresa Wheeler died while attending the training academy in Selma Oct. 01, 2001.

Cadet Wheeler was employed at Bullock Correctional Facility prior to attending the Corrections Academy in Selma.

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she said. "There's nobody that got me here but me. These people don't have to offer me anything."

Though the women want to be integrated into the vocational classes and learn skills during their time in prison, most said they wanted to become HIV/AIDS counselors or activists when they are released.

Radford, who will be reviewed for parole next month, has already spoken to youth groups during their visits to Tutwiler. She said speaking to young people motivates her to stay healthy and have a positive outlook.

"I enlightened them about what I went through in juvenile boot camp and hanging out with the wrong crowds that led me to nowhere but here today in prison, HIV positive.

"When I leave here, I would like to be an activist. At the same time I want to educate myself well enough so I'm never afraid to let someone know I'm HIV-positive. I have to realize now that HIV is who I am. That's who I live for." ■ ◀

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hired by the plaintiffs' lawyers," Brian Corbett said Thursday. Corbett is the spokesman for the state Department of Correction. "Although we strongly disagree with the conclusions, we are in the process of addressing complaints and resolving the issues in compliance with the National Commission of Correctional Health Care standards," Corbett said.

Larry Pomeroy, vice president of Prison Health Services, was in meetings Friday. His assistant, Debbie Midwood, released a written statement Pomeroy made on the report; it states that he will have no comment to specific allegations, but that the health care his company provides is good.

"All clinical and operation policies implemented by the PHS within the ADOC system, including the Limestone facility, are in compliance with national standards of health care delivery as established by the National Commission of Correctional Health Care," Pomeroy wrote. ■ ◀

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